

Arthur C. Stark, who was killed at Ladysmith just after passing the sheets of the first volume through the press, as stated in our review of Volume I (Auk, XVII, April, 1900, pp. 189, 190). Mr. Sclater states: "The manuscript of this volume was found partly stored at Durban and partly along with the author's papers in Ladysmith, and by the desire of his executors has been entrusted to me for completion and publication. A good deal of revision and addition has been necessary to complete this volume, which I trust may be found as satisfactory as the first, for which Dr. Stark was alone responsible." Mr. Sclater further says: "It is my wish and hope to be able, with the help of Dr. Stark's note-books and papers, to prepare, very shortly, the two final volumes on South African birds necessary to complete this work." This is a very pleasant assurance, as this work, when completed, will form a most useful hand-book of South African ornithology. The two volumes on the Mammals, also by Mr. Sclater, have already been issued, and form a most welcome and valuable contribution to the series of volumes forming 'The Fauna of South Africa,' of which Mr. Sclater is the editor and Mr. R. H. Porter the enterprising publisher.

In scope and method of treatment the present volume compares favorably with the first, already described at some length in this journal (*l. c.*); the numerous illustrations, prepared especially for this work by Mr. H. Grönvold, are satisfactory and well chosen.

The present volume covers the Passerine families Laniidæ, Crateropodidæ, Turdidæ, Muscicapidæ, Dieruridæ, Campophagidæ, Hirundinidæ, and Pittidæ, and treats of 199 species—Nos. 183–381. In addition to the text cuts illustrating structural details are several half-tone illustrations of birds with their nests.

The nomenclature is conservative, and not quite up to date, if we take Dr. Sharpe's 'Hand List of Genera and Species' as the standard, it conforming more nearly with that of the British Museum 'Catalogue of Birds.'—J. A. A.

**Nelson on New Birds from Mexico.**<sup>1</sup>—The new species and subspecies here described were mostly collected by Mr. Nelson and Mr. Goldman during their recent trip to Yucatan, and are as follows: (1) *Crypturus sallei goldmani*, (2) *Crax chapmani*, (3) *Nyctidromus albigollis yucatanensis*, (4) *Attila mexicanus*, (5) *Myiopagis yucatanensis*, (6) *Pachyrhamphus major itzensis*, (7) *Icterus cucullatus duplexus*, (8) *Icterus cucullatus cozumelæ*, (9) *Stelgidopteryx ridgwayi*, (10) *Troglodytes peninsularis*, (11) *Merula plebeia differens*. A new genus, *Nyctagreus*, is proposed, with *Caprimulgus yucatanensis* Hartert as the type.—J. A. A.

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<sup>1</sup> Descriptions of a new Genus and eleven new Species and Subspecies of Birds from Mexico. By E. W. Nelson. Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, Vol. XIV, pp. 169–175. Sept. 25, 1901.